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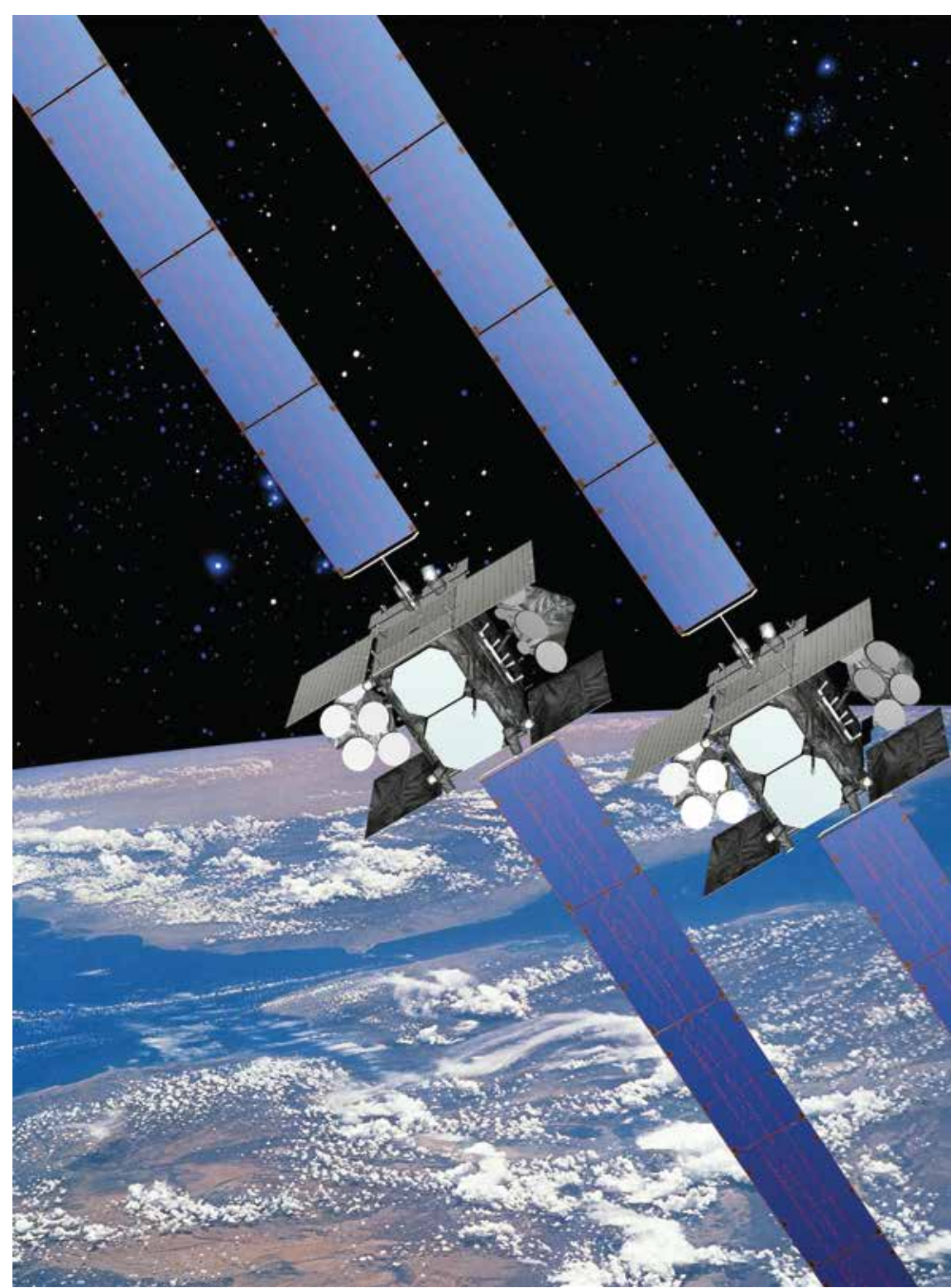
The Oldtimer Still Shines Bright

The New Kid on the Block - GPS

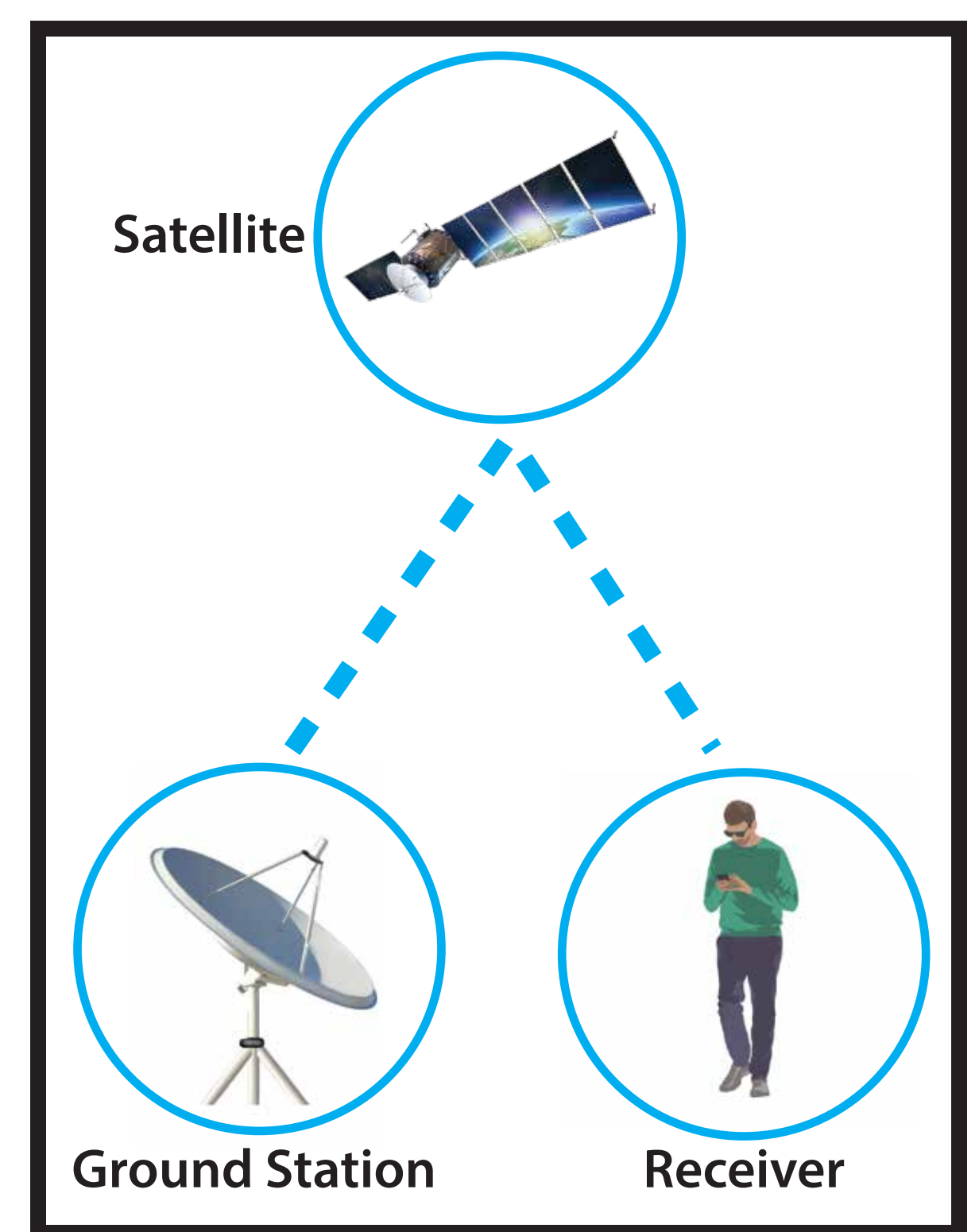
Ironically, the Lighthouse was witness to its own replacement as Global Positioning System (GPS) satellites were launched nearby and became the new premier aid to navigation. Used not only by ships to safely navigate the dangerous shoals off the Cape, GPS has many other applications. It's integrated into aircraft, cars, and smartphones, just to name a few.



Launch of a GPS satellite from nearby pad 17



Global Positioning System (GPS) satellites in space



How a GPS works

There's Still a Place for the Faithful Iron Lighthouse in this New Age of GPS

Not everyone has a functioning GPS in all situations, especially in emergencies. The Cape Canaveral Lighthouse is among many that still provide a valuable aid to navigation.

Its daymark of 3 black and 3 white horizontal bands can be seen from quite a distance offshore during the day. At night, its SL-300 lantern shines out 19 miles.

